

SENATE BILL 3715

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6,  
Chapter 33; Title 16 and Title 17, relative to the  
qualifications to be a judge.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-33-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no city judge who is elected or appointed on or after September 1, 2012, shall be required to be licensed to practice law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-5-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no court of criminal appeals judge who is elected, appointed, or retained on or after September 1, 2012, shall be required to be licensed to practice law.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5005, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no general sessions judge who is elected or appointed on or after September 1, 2012, shall be required to be licensed to practice law.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-4-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no court of appeals judge who is elected, appointed, or retained on or after September 1, 2012, shall be required to be licensed to practice law.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no judge listed in subsection (a) who is elected, retained or appointed on or after September 1, 2012, shall be required to be licensed to practice law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.